

**INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

JUNE 2, 2005

PRESENT: Ken Braga, Margo Wheeler, Sanford Cohen and Christine Murphy

ABSENT: Kim Flannery, Donald McConnell and Alternates Jean Burns, Steven Hoffman and Adam Barber

STAFF

PRESENT: Rob Phillips, ZEO and Reanna Goodreau, Recording Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Braga called the Inland Wetlands Agency (IWA) meeting to order at 7:32 PM at the Ellington Town Hall Annex, 57 Main Street, Ellington, CT and read the legal notice into record.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. #IW200513 – Town of Ellington for a Permit to Conduct Regulated Activity for replacement of a culvert located on Middle Road (500 feet East of the East Windsor Town Line).

TIME: 7:34 p.m.

SEATED: K. Braga, M. Wheeler, S. Cohen and C. Murphy

Pete Michaud, Town of Ellington Public Works Director, came forward to explain the project. He stated that the culverts are damaged and need to be replaced. The Town Engineer has required that the two existing culverts be replaced with three 4' x 48' culverts in order to meet the 100-year flood requirement.

Chairman Braga noted his concern that additional wetlands will be disturbed and that he believes that this is a significant activity within the wetlands. He stated that there are no prudent and feasible alternatives since the Town Engineer is requiring the upgrade to meet certain requirements.

Ernie Boothroyd, Hare Road, expressed his dissatisfaction with the agency and the fact that this item was required to be before the agency.

MOVED (COHEN), SECONDED (WHEELER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR #IW200513 – TOWN OF ELLINGTON.

MOVED (MURPHY), SECONDED (WHEELER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO MAKE A FINDING OF SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY & APPROVE #IW200513 – TOWN OF ELLINGTON.

NO PRUDENT OR FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE. CULVERT UPGRADE REQUIRED BY TOWN ENGINEER IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROPER ENGINEERING PRACTICES.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

1. #IW200519 – Peter Welte for a Permit to Conduct Regulated Activity within upland review area for a 14' x 32' shed and other minor site improvements on property located at 32 Main Street, APN 064-008-0000.

MOVED (MURPHY), SECONDED (WHEELER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECEIVE #IW200519 – PETER WELTE.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. #IW200517 – Town of Ellington for a Permit to Conduct Regulated Activity for construction of a practice football field with access driveway on property located on Maple Street, APN 073-010-0000.

Jay Ussery, J.R. Russo & Associates, came forward to explain the project. He presented a plan showing the location of the practice field, access way, and drainage structures. He noted that all work in conjunction with the field is only in the regulated area and not within any wetlands or watercourses.

Commissioner Cohen inquired about erosion controls and Mr. Ussery pointed them out and reviewed the construction sequencing. Chairman Braga asked if there would be access to the fields from Maple Street and Pete Michaud stated that they do not want access from street since it is only a practice field.

MOVED (COHEN), SECONDED (WHEELER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO FIND AS A NON-SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY WITHIN THE UPLAND REVIEW AREA AND APPROVE #IW200517 – TOWN OF ELLINGTON.

2. #IW200518 – Town of Ellington for a Permit to Conduct Regulated Activity to construct a new football field on property located at 37 Maple Street, APN 073-008-0000 & 073-009-0000.

Jay Ussery, J.R. Russo & Associates, came forward to explain the project. He presented a plan showing the location of the game field, drainage system, and bleachers. He noted that all work in conjunction with the field is only in the regulated area and not within any wetlands or watercourses.

Commissioner Cohen asked if the storm water system is existing and Mr. Ussery explained that it was installed as part of the high school expansion.

The mitigation required with Inland Wetlands Permit #IW200119 will be completed with Inland Wetlands Permit #IW200517.

MOVED (COHEN), SECONDED (WHEELER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO FIND AS A NON-SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY WITHIN THE UPLAND REVIEW AREA AND APPROVE #IW200518 – TOWN OF ELLINGTON.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (MURPHY), SECONDED (WHEELER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reanna Goodreau
Recording Secretary